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Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. WISSAHICKON INN Dear Alec:

It's nearly four now and your Presidential Address is a Thing of the Past! How did it go off? Like a cannon-ball with a big big boom right into the middle of the evening's ranks doing irredeemable damage or like a rocket bright and dazzling in the air to go out and leave darkness and no trace behind. Or did it fizzle and neither go through or up? Perish the thought, I have no doubt however that it was splendid anyway. You never fail when once you give your mind to a thing.

Have you succeeded in forgetting that I exist? You know you were going to, I would have written yesterday but feared to intrude.

The children came yesterday and I am glad to have them. We were going for a drive this afternoon, but it looks so like rain that we countermanded the carriage. Mr. McCurdy is in town, he thought he might run up to New York and get Mr. Bracker to introduce him to Scribners, he would have to go there first as his friend is leaving town and Mr. Porter is not.

We are all well this is enough for you to know.

Lovingly always, Mabel. (letter unsigned) I am so glad your father is with you.